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Re: Docket NHTSA 2003-14375 - 27

To Whom it May Concern,

I concur with the comments of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation that you are wasting the taxpayer's money conducting this Survey.

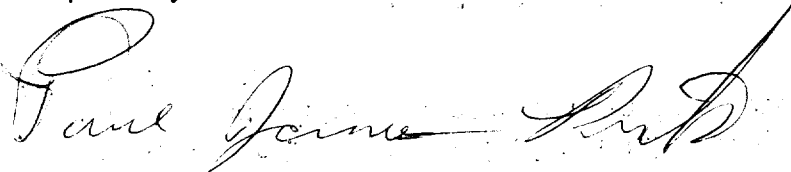
To insist on a study that determines if a motorcyclist was or wasn't wearing a helmet, and did he die as a result of head injuries is a little backwards. Wouldn't our tax dollars be put to better use if we spent the money on educating and not legislating the riding public? To do this survey is re-active and not pro-active and wouldn't it be more cost effective if our government took a pro-active position for once.

If you still insist on doing this survey then the data you collect needs to be unbiased. I you need to report the head and neck injuries of people wearing helmets as well as information of people not wearing them. Was the accident in some part a result of a sensory deprived helmeted motorcyclist that could have avoided the accident had he full unencumbered sense of smell, vision and hearing, do you report that?

I accept that there is a level of risk in everything I do and when I ride I accept those risks and try to minimize those risks by riding sober, educated and alert.

" LET THOUSE WHO RIDE DECIDE!"

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul James Rick